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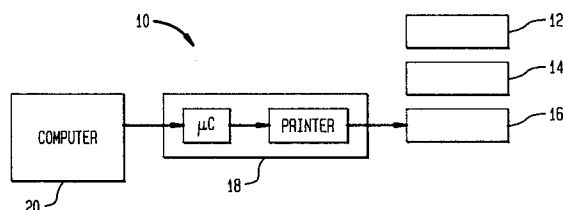
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(57) The method for verifying mailpieces comprises the creation of predetermined bit-mapped indicia which are printed on a mailpiece (12, 14, 16) and are changed in accordance with a predetermined pattern on each successive printing. The pattern will allow an animated sequence to occur as the mailpieces of a batch are flipped through. The animated sequence may be associated with a particular mailer. The animation during the flipping will allow postal officials to swiftly check to assure against some modes of fraudulent copying of postal indicia.

FIG. 1**EP 0 647 923 A3**



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